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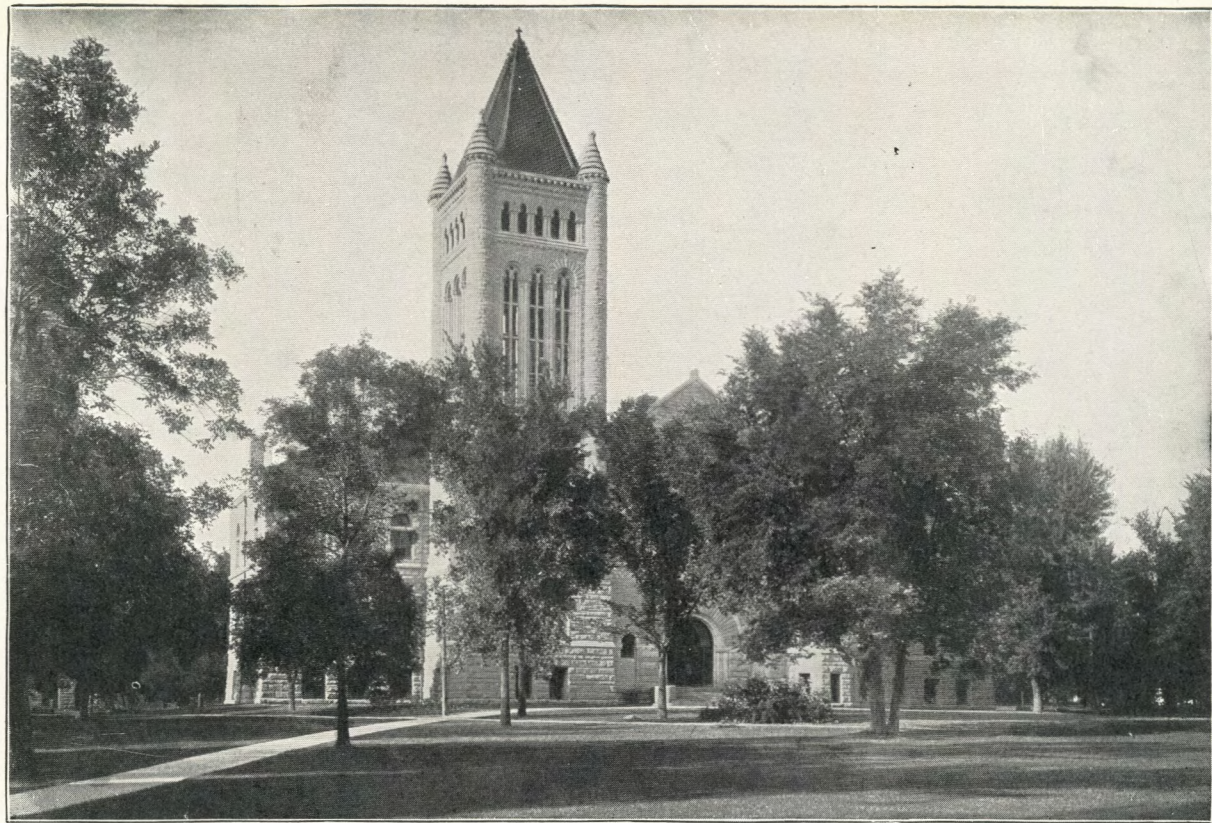
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University of Illinois

Our State University has, during the last few years, made great and uniform progress in its various colleges and schools. To-day, the buildings devoted to instructional work number twenty, the grounds embrace two hundred and ten acres, and the student body numbers three thousand, with two hundred and sixty-eight professors and instructors. The present value of the property is \$1,900,000. The colleges represented are Literature and Arts, Engineering, Science, Agriculture, the Graduate School, State Library School, School of Music, College of Law, College of Medicine and School of Pharmacy. The College of Law was opened in 1896, and in the same year a School of Music was started. This school attracts many students of ability and is the means of bringing some of the best organizations and soloists here for concerts. The Choral Union, the Glee and Mandolin Club, the Ladies' Glee Club and the Military Band, all give us concerts here, and are not unknown elsewhere. The Library School brings so many young women to the University that a Woman's Building has become a crying need. Although we are still without such a building, the girls are held together as members of Watcheha League, the girl's society, and by the efforts of the Dean of the Women's College. Almost



Drive through the Campus—University of Illinois

one million dollars was appropriated last year, for the needs of the University and we have no greater need, now, than a Woman's building.

University Hall, although the oldest building, is perhaps the dearest to all students, be they old or new. It is made up almost exclusively of class rooms and contains the chapel, where our convocations are held. It forms a sort of center around which the other buildings are grouped. Back of it lies the University Farm and there, too, the Observatory and Agricultural Building, as well as the Experiment Station are found. On one side of a broad road, connecting University Hall and the Armory, are found the President's house and green-house; on the other, Engineering Hall and the Shops. Behind the Armory lies Illinois Field. The campus is especially beautiful. Great care is constantly being taken to improve it and the University and townspeople are equally proud of it.

Of late years there has been a tendency among the fraternities to move close to the University, and to-day almost all of them have their houses within two or three blocks of the campus. The Kappa Alpha Theta house is situated two blocks from the University. The house is rented, as most of the fraternity houses here are, and is rather too small for our present needs, having only seven bed rooms, two parlors and a small room, commonly known as "the den." No meals are taken in the house.

The fraternities represented at the University are Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Shield and Trident, Alpha Delta Sigma, Theta Nu Epsilon, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Zeta.

The organizations are legion. There are The English Club, Der Deutsche Verein, Le Cercle Francais, the Glee and Mandolin Club, the Male Quartet, the Ladies' Quartet, the Ladies' Glee Club, the Oratorical Association, the



President Draper's Home—University of Illinois

Adelphic, Philomathean and Alethenai Societies, the Military Band, Architects Club, Democratic and Republican Clubs, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., the Choral Union and the Library Club, besides various associations especially interested in chemistry, mathematics, engineering, and natural history. Student assemblies are held once each semester, and there, if nowhere else, the students are one great fraternity.

The publications of the University are The Illio, The Illini, The Technograph, The 'Varsity Fortnightly and The Illinois Agriculturist. The Illio is published by the Junior class as their annual. The Illini is our weekly sheet.

There is a strong love for Alma Mater in the student body and the reunions and alumni dinners are always well attended by enthusiastic men and women. Even the small boy, playing ball in the street, cries out loyally:

Hol-a-ba-loo! Hoo-rah! Hoo-rah!

Hol-a-ba-loo! Hoo-rah! Hoo-rah!

Hoo-rah! Hoo-rah!

Illinois.

Wah Hoo Wah!

LOUISE JONES.

Women's Fraternities

PAPER READ BEFORE THE MICHIGAN FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, OCTOBER 31, 1901.

It is eminently fitting that this meeting, held within the liberties of the University of Michigan, should devote a few moments to the consideration of women's fraternities. In the first place, simply because they are organizations of women and hence have a kinship with other women's clubs; in the second place, because our University is the home of more organizations of this sort than any other institution, with the possible exception of one.

It is best to state at the outset that I limit my subject, as it is usually limited, to the Greek-letter secret societies among college women; thus excluding several local college organizations which are fraternal in nature and stand side by side socially with the Greek-letter societies. The typical form which organization among college women has taken is the Greek-letter secret society.

To turn to the history of these societies for a moment, we find that they date from about the year 1870. They are not very old, you see, but neither is co-education; and as perhaps you know, the women's fraternity is distinctly a feature of co-educational institutions, not of women's colleges. The latter have almost unanimously frowned upon fraternities, though they have not been able, by excluding them, to do away with some of the evil effects which are charged upon fraternities. There are a few instances of chapters in women's colleges, as the Woman's College of Baltimore; and in the woman's department of those institutions, which avoid the name of being co-educational, as Barnard College, the woman's department of Columbia; but these are rare. It is plain then that these societies were directly suggested by their prototype, the men's Greek-letter fraternity. We do not hesitate, as do some, to admit this origin, in order to avoid the charge of servile imitation.

Why should we be ashamed of having imitated that which we saw to be good? Then too, what more natural than that just as the girl who saw her brother receiving an education beyond her own began to crave the same privilege, so she soon began to wish to enjoy the pleasures of fraternity life, as did her father and brother. Yet I think only the peculiar *form* of the organization was determined by the fact that the men were first in the field. There being already something in existence which could serve as a model, it was so used; but there would have been organization in some form sooner or later, under any circumstances.

The impulse to unite is a primal one. Later this becomes modified into the desire for association with those certain others who are, through aims or disposition, most congenial. A few people may live in unity, but as soon as the element of numbers comes in, there must be division into groups. These groups exist in every college community, whether they are recognized as organizations or not. The fraternity simply marks the divisions more sharply and adds the element of secrecy. But these very modifications have brought the whole system into question.

The part which secrecy plays in the fraternity cannot of course be expounded in detail. Therefore it will always be game for the satirist. In a newspaper notice of a national convention of one women's fraternity, held recently in New York, the sensational reporter, for lack of other material, made much of this Secret, spelled always with a capital, and referred to it as if it were some portable object to be carried about under lock and key, and—oh, wonder of wonders!—to be preserved inviolable by these "fair ones."

To those who attack this feature of the fraternity seriously, we say that the dignity of what is cherished must be judged by its outward effects. If these do not justify it, it has no justification.

The reason for the existence of the element of secrecy is no doubt the natural desire to possess something all one's own, and the attempt to find concrete terms to symbolize

the fraternal relation. Whatever its origin, it operates to make the bond more close and intimate than in any other form of organization.

Yet it is no heresy to confess that the element of secrecy is not the most powerful influence in fraternal life. It simply draws tighter a bond already close. The great moulding force in this relation is the interaction of personalities. No one who has known anything about fraternity life will deny that the relations are as close as any outside the family can be. Indeed, the association is as much like family life as it can well be. The typical women's fraternity has a chapter house, not, alas, in many cases, like those of their more fortunate brothers, owned by the members, but rented and lived in. Close intercourse under such conditions is inevitable. Thus the fraternity has a particularly important place where there is no dormitory system. However, I doubt whether any dormitory life could give what a fraternity gives a college woman.

To speak of the material advantages first, the chapter offers a more attractive home than she is likely to find elsewhere for the same expenditure. Moreover, within the fraternity she can meet her social obligations at a fraction of the cost which she would find necessary if she were dependent upon her individual resources. The fraternity is really a good investment, looked at from this standpoint. The opportunity thus offered appeals especially to the normal young woman, who sees no reason why she should entirely separate herself from social intercourse just because she happens to be devoting a few years to the cultivation of her mind; who sees, indeed, that true culture includes something besides the mere training of the intellect. This girl, however, does not need the fraternity nearly so much as does the girl who is inclined to shirk her social duties and bury herself in her books, a mistake too common among college women. But the girl of whatever type who should join a fraternity merely for its material advantages, would not be deserving of its blessings.

The fraternity that is worthy of a place in a college community does not forget that the aims of college life are, first of all and chiefly, intellectual. The social aspect is merely incidental; it exists simply because there are a number of people gathered together; it must never be placed first. This being so, the chapter makes it a point to exercise some supervision over the college work of its members. Often a girl finds a new incentive to scholarly work in the pride she feels in her fraternity. Thus the interests of the fraternity, *in its best form*, and the interests of the University are not opposed, but identical.

Most girls, however, do not join a fraternity for any of the advantages already enumerated. It is the companionship with members of the chapter that attracts them. The criticism has been made frequently enough to require a defense, that the relations thus assumed are, after all, ready-made friendships, and not, therefore, based upon natural selection. It is to be remembered that when one joins a particular group, she deliberately chooses her friends, and, it is to be supposed, chooses those most congenial. Moreover, once in the chapter, she has full power to keep out any whom she does not approve; and there is nothing to prevent her forming personal friendships with those outside her chapter. These outside friendships are, I believe, much more common among college women than among men. Nevertheless, the objection cannot be wholly answered, for it is almost inevitable that the closest ties are within her little group.

But association within the fraternity means not only the joy of companionship. It means also the discipline of adaptation and self-sacrifice. Sometimes a girl learns here for the first time that the world is not bounded by her little circle of traditions and opinions; she is forced to acknowledge the rights of others; her outlook is extended, her sympathies broadened; in a word, she sheds her garment of provincialism. Withal, she *finds herself*, that is, she learns to know what her own convictions are, in the trial

with opposing views; for nowhere are the affairs of the universe more often discussed and adjusted than in the chapter house of a woman's fraternity. Of course, part of this liberalizing process is the direct result of her college life, apart from her fraternity relations; but this affects only the mental outlook; the extending of her sympathies and the enriching of her character must come not from intellectual but from personal associations. And, as has been said, these are closest within a fraternity. As a result, she comes to know her daily companions as she never knew friends before; and though sometimes increasing intimacy brings to light defects which an ordinary acquaintance might never reveal, how often does it discover new and beautiful depths of character, upon which she may found her friendship as upon a rock. She is unfortunate, indeed, if she cannot count among such friends at least one of the older girls in the chapter whose strong personality and sane judgment exercise an incalculable influence over the younger members.

Best of all, the fraternity girl finds the relation is not all one of receiving. As in every form of human fellowship, if she would receive in full measure she must spend herself. And this not only for another or for several others, but for something entirely separate and distinct from any individual. It is to be remembered that the fraternity is not merely a local organization; it is made up of many chapters, forming a great whole, whose parts are closely knit together. To this, as well as to her own chapter, each member is responsible. As a result, the fraternity comes to stand, in her mind, as a cause, a principle, which calls for devotion and sacrifice. Thus arises that *esprit de corps* which is one of the most precious fruits of the fraternity relation. The objection is often urged that this spirit of loyalty is all absorbed in the fraternity, whereas it might, if the fraternity were not there, extend to larger objects. We do not believe this to be so. Rather does it seem that the fraternity cultivates and often calls into being

a *habit of loyalty*, which extends in widening circles to objects outside. No girl can be called a good fraternity member who is not also loyal to her college, her country, and her ethical principles.

But, to be honest, we must admit that every aspect of the fraternity system does not present so fair a view. There is justice in some of the charges brought against it. Not the least of these is that directed against the irrational method of increasing the membership in a chapter—"rushing," as it is called in college parlance, a term as dignified as the method which it describes. The evils of the custom are too well known to need elaboration. The danger in it is evident when we realize the closeness of the relations which are so often hastily assumed, and the irreparableness of a mistake in choice. "Rushing" is one of the unlovely excrescences of the men's fraternity which we have no reason to be proud of having engrafted on our own, and which may, we fear, never be lopped off without the interference of those in authority in our universities where it prevails.

Another accusation is that fraternities are narrow and selfish. Part of this charge I have already answered. Part of it cannot be refuted, for in a sense it is true. It is inevitable that the fraternity should erect a barrier between itself and those outside. But it has seemed to me that the fact that these barriers are sharply defined does not operate to arouse ill-feeling any more than do the less definite lines separating the members of a social clique from their fellow students in college communities where the fraternity does not exist.

We do not and cannot deny that the fraternity exists for itself primarily, not for the community. It does not pretend to be philanthropic or broadly social in its aims. It is altruistic only within its own borders. What then? Does it differ in that respect from most of the associations of which you are members? Is it necessary to renounce a good because, in the very nature of it, it cannot be shared

with the rest of the world? Besides, the fact that a girl chooses to act and be acted upon within a small circle, where personal influence is an appreciable force, does not at all preclude her also playing her little part in the larger circle of the community. Often her fraternity will render her the better able and more eager to fulfill her duties to that community. If a girl fails to see her responsibility to the order in which she moves, and if she emerges from her fraternity experience narrow and self-centered, it is either because she was hopelessly so when she entered, or because her fraternity has fallen away from its original ideal. The fact that the fraternity, like every other organization based upon fellowship, is liable to corruption does not affect the merits of the system.

One striking difference between the fraternity and other associations we would note, in conclusion; that is, the permanence of the relations entered into. One's fraternity is not a mere memory of one's college experience; often its deepest significance is felt after college days are over. The friendships formed are not for a day or for a year, but for a lifetime.

MYRA M. POST.

The Woman's College of Baltimore

JUVENTAS

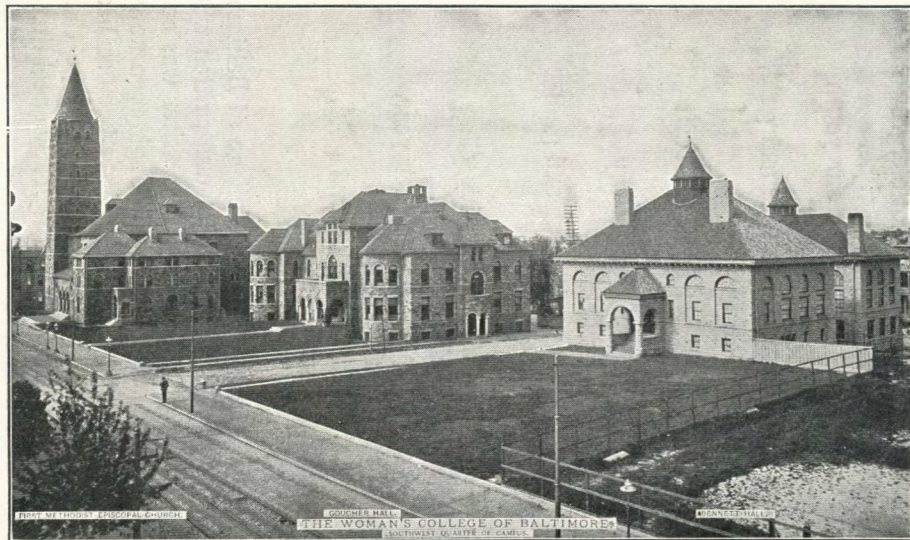
"Our college walls are not o'ergrown
With vines or worn with time.
Our rivals taunt us with our youth
As if that were a crime;
But we who wear the blue and gold,
Still glory in our prime.

"The race may not be to the swift
Or battle to the strong,
But progress and e'en victory
To earnestness belong.
So proudly wave the blue and gold
And laud it in our song.

"Fond memories, ere the ivy, cling
To college buildings gray
And classes plant a vine each year,
A prophecy, they say,
For future fame of blue and gold,
And glories all, hooray!"

The students at the Woman's College of Baltimore are particularly fond of "Juventas." It was written when the college was *in juventate prima*, but its writer was endowed with the true prophetic spirit. Although even now many of the hopes expressed in this song have been realized, yet we "still glory in our prime" and in the hope that "the future fame of blue and gold" may greatly excel that which has already come to us.

The college was founded by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the purpose of "providing young women with facilities for thorough collegiate training under conditions no less favorable to physical and moral well being." It was incorporated under the



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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

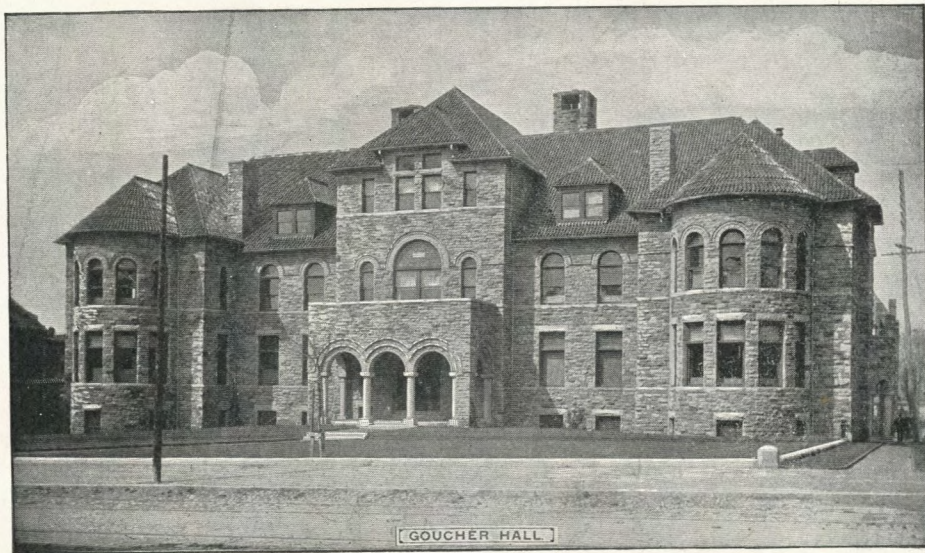
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CAMPUS

general law of the State of Maryland, January 26, 1885, and its doors were opened to students September 17, 1888. The charter was amended and the powers of the corporation were enlarged by a special Act of Legislature, April 3, 1890.

Many amusing mistakes have grown out of our proximity to the Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore girls are fond of telling about the young lady who said to one of our girls: "Oh, you're from the *Women's College*? That's an annex to *John Hopkins*, isn't it?"

The college is denominational in the sense that its discipline is in harmony with the church that founded it, but in no other. Instructors are selected on grounds of fitness without regard to church affiliations, and young women of any religious faith are welcomed to its classes. The aims and ideals of the college have been such as to attract students from all parts of the country, and the institution has enjoyed a wonderful growth. It now numbers on its register between three and four hundred students, who represent all sections of the United States. Our cosmopolitan character is increased by having with us students from Rome, Vienna, India and Japan.

The college is situated in the north central part of the city, within easy reach of the down town shopping district, while a five minutes walk in the other direction will bring one into the most charming bit of woodland imaginable. There are seven buildings, four of which are dormitories, each accommodating seventy-five students. Goucher Hall, named in honor of its donor, the President of the college, is the main building. It is a large granite structure in the Romanesque style of architecture; massive and dignified in appearance from without, and with an interior artistic and well adapted to its needs. The gymnasium, Bennett Hall, the delight of those athletically inclined, is the gift of Benjamin F. Bennett, whose granddaughter, by the way, is one of Alpha Delta's seniors. We are particularly proud of the gymnasium; it has been pronounced by those who



know, to be the best gymnasium for girls in the country, but for all that, the "gym cuts" marked up against us are as the sands of the sea in number. The swimming pool in the fall and spring, and the basket ball room in the winter, are perhaps the most frequented. The dormitories are plain, five-story brick buildings, equipped with every modern convenience. That is one advantage of having modern buildings. If one cannot revel in sacred memories of the past, which cling to mouldering walls, one can at least enjoy good solid comfort.

The life of a college is perhaps best manifested in its organizations. A Baltimore girl will always smile when one speaks of organizations, for their number here is legion. One could waste all her substance in paying dues and her time in attending the various meetings, if she were so inclined. But the advice of experienced seniors is usually sufficient to restrain any enthusiastic freshman with omnivorous tendencies.

First, and foremost for our purpose here, come the fraternities. They are seven in number, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta and a local Tau Kappa Pi. We have no fraternity houses here, for no one, I think, would exchange the typical college life of the dormitories for the more narrowing life in a chapter house. But I must not be prejudiced—perhaps it is because we do not know the delights of life in a chapter house. The members of each fraternity, however, endeavor to get rooms as near to one another as possible, and as a result, each fraternity has a certain floor which it regards as its own especial stronghold. The end of the hall is curtained off and fitted up as a cozy corner, so that the girls who are fortunate enough to secure the four end rooms on each floor have a charming little parlor adjoining their sleeping apartments. Each cozy corner has its appropriate name. Alpha Delta's was christened by a visiting Theta, "Sans Souci," with the

motto: Care free, "no bother," jollity—that's the meaning of "Sans Souci."

There is a most admirable spirit of Pan-Hellenism existing at Baltimore. We recognize the danger in the tendency to exclusiveness which is inherent in fraternities and strive to obviate it as far as possible. The many strong inter-fraternity friendships which exist here, are a testimony to this spirit of cordiality and good fellowship.



"Sans Souci?"

The formal Pan-Hellenic Association which consists of two representatives from each fraternity, has for its *raison d'être*, the framing of a set of rules to govern rushing. As each fraternity has its own ideas as to the most dignified way in which rushing may be done, the meetings of this association do not lack a certain amount of spiciness.

A well organized Y. W. C. A. provides for afternoon meetings on Sundays, for Thursday evening prayer meet-

ings in each hall, and for various Bible and mission study classes.

We have a chapter of the College Settlement Association, but practical work in this line is confined to city students, as no resident in the halls is permitted to work in any of the settlement houses in the city, on account of the danger from contagious diseases.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs give a concert in March, which is considered one of the events of the winter term, and also one at commencement time to the seniors. In addition to these they give one or two concerts during the year at some of the various charitable institutions in the city. The Agora, a debating club, the Schiller Kränschen, the Pedagogical Club, the Chemical Association and the Biological Club, meet fortnightly. The Student's Organization, which was formed last year, has met a long-felt need, and great things are expected of it in the future. Class secret societies, state clubs, a Southern club, a Western club and a New England club, are among the other organizations.

The enthusiasm for athletics is not as high as it would be if the campus were more secluded and extensive, but nevertheless, quite a lively interest manifests itself. Class matches in basket ball and tennis are occasions picturesque as well as exciting. A handsome cup, presented several years ago by a member of the faculty, adds zest to the tennis tournament. Heretofore we have had the privilege of using the beautiful golf links in Druid Hill Park, which is within easy walking distance of the college. This year, however, the links have been removed and we have been compelled to seek elsewhere. The interest in hockey fluctuates—at present it is at a low ebb. Fencing is quite a fad, and in the spring term swimming surpasses everything else in popularity.

There are two college publications, the annual and a monthly paper. "Donnybrook Fair," the annual, is edited

by the Junior class, nine girls being elected for the editing board. It is needless to say that the election of this board causes a great deal of excitement among class politicians. On the staff of the "Kalends," our monthly paper, all classes are represented.

The social life at Baltimore is naturally of a different nature from that at a co-educational institution. Man's *bete noir*, the afternoon tea, holds undisputed sway here—all sorts and conditions of teas, I mean, from the delightful little affairs given in a girl's room, where the "cup that cheers" is brewed for a few select friends, to the most elaborate function at the home of a city student. Several college receptions are given during the year by the students to their city friends. These receptions are given in Goucher Hall, which is an ideal place for them, and one might almost think the architect had such affairs in mind when he planned the building. On these occasions, a committee of Freshmen, with a few Sophomores to direct them, work busily for an hour or so in the afternoon, and effect a transformation in this dignified hall of learning by the judicious use of pillows and couch covers borrowed from the residence halls.

The big social events of the year are those given by the classes; chief among these may be mentioned class dramatics. The Juniors give a play early in the year to the Freshmen, and the Sophomores one in May in honor of the Seniors. "As You Like It" was given very successfully last year by the class of 1903. Here may be mentioned the French and German plays given on alternate years by the students in these departments. A committee is chosen every year from the faculty whose business it is to see that no student be permitted to take part in dramatics, whose college work is too heavy or whose health is not what it should be. Many an ambitious maiden has had her hopes in the histrionic line blighted by this ever vigilant committee.

The Junior banquet, given by the Juniors to the Seniors, is an event which will linger long in the memory of every Baltimore graduate.

The Freshmen entertainment of the Juniors is always a delightful affair. It is different every year, and no one except the Freshmen, knows what it is to until the time comes. Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores are consumed with curiosity, but the Freshmen look wise and mysterious, and never say a word.

The Freshman Lantern-Chain, in honor of the Seniors, is a very pretty out-door affair, given on some evening late in May.

On the last Friday before commencement, faculty and students go out in a body to *Alto Dale*, the beautiful country home of President Goucher. "*Alto Dale Day*" is a red-letter day in the college year and one of the most thoroughly delightful of all college functions.

I have said nothing as yet of the most important phase of college life, the class room. The intellectual side is, perhaps much the same in all colleges of the first rank, but one is apt to be biased in favor of his own Alma Mater. We Baltimore girls are very fond of quoting the opinion expressed by President Eliot of Harvard—that the Woman's College of Baltimore is the most finely equipped college for women in the country. It is needless to say that we heartily agree with him. The ideal of true womanliness is held up before the students, and a spirit of earnest striving for the highest scholarship pervades the institution.

MARY PORTER BOSS.

Loyalty

Loyalty to an institution and to its ideals is one of the chief lessons which fraternity life teaches—that loyalty which leaves a clear and distinct stamp on character in after life, which makes the heart grow warm and tender with memories of days gone by—memories of friendships whose place none other in days to come can ever quite fill. For what is there which is quite the same as that small band of friends united by common ideals, and yet attracted to broader development by reason of those very ideals? Fraternity loyalty is a “something” which love and life through four years of college has so firmly ingrained in our natures, that it can never be entirely blotted out, no matter what trials or pleasures the world outside may give us.

One of the most vital elements in our fraternity life in college is the way we choose to express our fraternity loyalty. To me that loyalty does not consist alone in singing fraternity songs, in being constantly in close companionship with none but “our girls,” not alone in desperate rushing in the fall, nor in private and exclusive feasts. These elements must necessarily have some share, and, it may be, a large share in our expressions of fraternity loyalty, but they are not the highest nor by any means the most important part. Our alumnae, our instructors, and all who are older, wiser, and better able to take a broad view of life from their position outside and above our daily trials and pleasures, agree that loyalty to fraternity is best shown by loyalty to the college, to its institutions and to its traditions.

It is wrong from the very nature of things for us as fraternity girls to allow the college and its societies, its clubs and its social functions to be supported by the work and efforts of the non-fraternity women, and for us then to expect to reap these benefits and pleasures from the work of others.

In social matters we are, perhaps, more willing to step to the front, to lend a hand than in the generally less attractive literary or scientific clubs to which we may belong. Here, then, is a direct call on our fraternity loyalty—support first, and spend your first efforts on your college, and these efforts will be repaid threefold in fraternity prosperity. It is strange, but true, that the more we have to do, the more we can accomplish. Time adapts itself generously to the earnest girls whose hands are always full, but always ready to receive more. Although we may feel that our fraternity work and interests are about all that we can do, to do well, still if we will but accept the outside work that comes our way, we will find it easier to do much well, than to do a little well—we can “keep our hand in” better. What chapter is there that does not hold a higher and more respected position in its college world in proportion to the amount of college work which its members, both individually and collectively, do? Never be afraid of the criticism of lacking interest in your fraternity work because you take an active part in your camera club or in your musical association.

There is no chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, I hope, which is so selfish or so narrow as not to welcome, as a means of broadening her mental horizon, the non-fraternity friends which are possible to her members. Every person we come in contact with brings out a different element in our natures, and for full development we should know many people—have few friends, but be willing to rub up against all our college mates and find the good which is surely there. To me there is nothing about fraternity life which is more harmful and really pitiful than to see a fraternity girl who has not a friend outside the chapter. There is some thing wrong somewhere. It may be that she is narrow—at any rate she is surely lacking in the truest form of fraternity spirit which tends for breadth and firmness, rather than narrowness and height, like a house, which, firm and broad, will stand the wear and tear of life much better than a tall

and slender one. Our work, our friends, and what we learn of human life from many people, will serve us better in our efforts to lead a useful life, than high aims which are willing to accept the large things, and calmly overlook the small opportunities for work and usefulness.

This subject of fraternity loyalty will not permit of diagrammatical analysis—it is made up of the finer elements of life—of the spiritual. It must be laid down broadly and followed broadly. Let loyalty to college be the outward form which our loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta takes and we need have no fear for *her* welfare. We cannot help loving most tenderly the fraternity ties, but we must have a love so unselfish that we can forget her in the very act of showing our love. So let us remember—college first—and college work first, and Theta will surely prosper.

H. M. E.—Alpha Beta.

Διαλεγόμεθα

Being happy, according to a philosophic little maid, is being "so busy that you don't know you're mis'able." College girls, according to this, must be looked for on the pinnacles of bliss. To-day, one isn't really in college, if she doesn't carry fifteen hours, study music outside, belong to a literary society, help in settlement work, make calls, entertain callers, and attend all the class, fraternity and University parties. Verily, if the twenty-first century is to prescribe a faster gait, here's a prayer of thanksgiving that we shall not be expected to wait for it!

Y. W. C. A.! What pulpit possibilities there are in these four letters! I was going to urge a closer linking together of these letters and three black and gold ones, but the letters, themselves, seem to furnish the text and preach the sermon. Really—if I may be impolite, and whisper during the sermon—I am afraid there are many Thetas who know little or nothing of the College Christian Association. Can we not make room in our new year schedules for an hour a week with the one religious organization the University affords for young women?

Small brother Jamie listened in silence to the stories of whispered bids, weird initiations, and gay parties that Robert and Helen talked over with the rest of the family before the holiday fire. The Greek alphabet was not a feature of Jamie's kindergarten curriculum, but he had caught and remembered three of the strange letters, and aspired to know the rest. "Lemme see! Robs a Beta and pops a Phi Delt. What's your nickname, sister?" In the laugh that followed, Helen's "Theta" was as unintelligible to the new Greek student as Sanskrit would have been.

Pi's Asking Day—

So much has been said both favoring and opposing the interfraternal asking day that perhaps Pi's experience will not be uninteresting to some of the other chapters that may be undecided about the matter.

At our first meeting this fall our delegate to the convention at New York, appeared before us with many new plans for our year's work. One of the first suggestions made was that if it were possible to persuade the two other fraternities, Delta Gamma and Alpha Chi, to join us, we should have an asking day. This idea was greeted with enthusiasm by every member of Pi. Accordingly a committee was appointed to interview the girls of the other fraternities, and the next day a favorable report was made. A contract was then drawn up and signed in which all of the parties concerned agreed to accept as their asking day the second Wednesday in November, and to send invitations sealed and mailed on said date.

The plan proved a perfect success, and will always be advocated by Pi chapter. It did away with much of the rushing which, in the past in Albion has been fast and furious, and has engendered much bitter feeling. Fraternities have been disappointed in girls, and girls have been disappointed in fraternities, until last year the climax was reached in every chapter here, each one having had a bitter experience, which led them to so readily consider the pledging contract.

Never was Pi more proud than this year to have the black and gold donned by the girls of her choice, and never were more enthusiastic kittens introduced into the Kappa Alpha Theta home. Had it not been for our asking day we should undoubtedly have taken, during the first few weeks of school, girls who, on first acquaintance made a very good appearance, but who did not wear well.

Another feature in favor of the asking day is that the girls who, upon entering college know little, if anything about fraternities, have a chance to learn what such a life

means to a college girl, to become acquainted with the different girls so that they are better able to decide which are the most congenial to themselves, and to appreciate more fully the honor conferred upon them by being asked to join a fraternity.

Of course, we know that the conditions are not the same in all schools, and while certain regulations in rushing will be a success in one college, they will not be so in another; but this has proved so desirable in Albion that the fact is recognized by the entire college, and the young men are talking of adopting the same plan for the following year.

A. S. WIXOM.

A Suggestion—

To the fraternity at large, the Journal, in many instances, is the only link between Alma Mater, with her dearly remembered associates, and our life beyond commencement day.

The "Personals" department is of the greatest interest to the alumnae. It is here that we keep in touch with the fraternity spirit and with old friends; it is here that we learn what our women are doing in the world. In the "Personals" of the last issue there were but twelve out of a total of twenty-one chapters represented; and the news items of those twelve are with few exceptions confined to graduates of the late nineties—at least that is the inference after a glance at the pages, many of the items being given without proper class designation. The items themselves are flavored with the spirit of the country newspaper personal, with which we are all familiar, and lack the dignity of personal items in many other fraternity magazines. It might be feasible to have a separate department covering birth, engagement, marriage and obituary notices, which could then be eliminated from the "Personals" proper.

It is suggested that an alumnae editor be appointed for the purpose of editing the material sent in by the chapters, with a view to preserving a uniform appearance, seeing

that matter is not duplicated and making the "Personals" department one of the leading features of the Journal:

GAMMA ALUMNAE.

"Give—and it shall be given unto you—

What do we give to our fraternity life, and what do we gain from it? Let's look at the question from both sides. We admit it—there should be both a giving and a gaining, but I wonder how many of us are forgetting the former and living the one-sided fraternity life. How easy it is to consider the general fraternity as a fountain head of all womanly virtue and goodness, to be drawn upon whenever occasion demands. True, it is a fountain head, but we must not forget the individual responsibility of keeping it full. Our ideal of Theta womanhood as stated in the Constitution means nothing, without the living girls striving towards that ideal—filling in its dead outline with life and color. No written code can make our Theta standard. It is each and every act of every girl which moulds it daily.

And here is where the giving comes in. If we feel this individual responsibility it cannot help influencing our actions. How many of us have sacrificed little personal desires and aims for "Theta's sake"? Are we not too prone to talk loftily of "our Theta standard of womanhood," instead of applying it practically to our daily lives, remembering that it is in our power to uplift or lower that standard? We who have been thoughtful fraternity girls, appreciate the double relation. We know the sweetness of "giving"—of working for our fraternity. It is the new girl, the stranger among us, who needs a guiding hand just here.

During the rush we have explained carefully to her the intellectual, moral, and social advantages of being a Theta. Have we placed a kite upon her and set her in our midst, with empty idle hands?

We must teach her that honest endeavor, kind actions, cheerful sympathy, and self-sacrificing labor touch the

hidden spring which unlocks the treasure within. Don't leave it in the abstract; give her something to do, show her that she has a part to play, a duty to perform; make her feel the individual responsibility of keeping Theta's standard where it should be. Teach her the *giving*, and the *gain* comes as its natural result. The girl who gets the most out of her fraternity life, is the girl who gives the most—not of her money—but of her thought, her words, and her heart.

EMMA R. OSBORNE, '00.

A System of Preparation for Fraternity Examinations—

Fraternity examinations seem steadily to be growing in popularity. Especially is this true with the powers that be, if not with the people who are to take the examinations. In theory every one admits the advisability of knowing the history of one's fraternity, and the contents of the constitution that governs it; but in practice there is a sentiment that a cursory reading or two will give all the information required. It is this tendency which a general educational committee has chiefly to combat. There is no question that the committee has done all in its power to secure the desired results.

Hitherto the near approach of a fraternity examination has meant a time of hustling, bustling and memorizing. To be sure the work had been done in part, but at the last minute there were difficult little rag-tags that had to be gathered up and assimilated. This year Kappa made solemn resolutions to adopt the suggestions offered, and to formulate a real system of work that would insure us success. We flatter ourselves that our system, as projected, is not half bad. The trouble is not with it, but with our innate Kansas procrastination..

For success there are, of course, two essentials: work on the part of the chapter educational committee, and co-operation of all the members of the chapter. The committee in the first place ought to be a small one to guard against dissipation of energies. Let them carefully go

over the ground, considering every possible question of interest, from Robert's Rules of Order, to the names of the husbands of charter members. Then let them parcel out the material in convenient doses. Access to information is, of course, provided for every girl, by appointing different groups of girls, to study together. Questions should be made out to cover the ground proposed for each week, and asked and answered in the fraternity meeting. A half hour a week or little more will suffice for all necessary purposes, and preparation is made before it is realized.

As to the second requirement, nothing can be shown in chapter results unless all the girls are willing to work. It is so easy to postpone the study until it is too late. It is on account of this possible indisposition to utilize the requisite half hour per week, that the division into small groups for study is suggested. In this way, they are so much more prone to become interested in the regular work and with a little urging, to forget the irksomeness of the task.

All this may or may not be suggestive of any service to other chapters, but it seems a simple and feasible plan, and, as such, is submitted for what it is worth. KAPPA.

EDITORIALS

With this issue of the Journal we enter upon a new year. May 1902 be bright and prosperous—full of good cheer and happiness to Thetas, one and all.

We have made many resolutions for the new year and have begun to chronicle our lives on a clean page in the book of time. It is hoped that *Theta* has come in for her share of these good resolutions: that each corresponding editor has determined that *her* contributions to the Journal shall reach the editor's table before they are due; that each corresponding secretary has determined that *her* reports shall not be the last to be received; that each chapter treasurer has determined that there shall never be cause to send a second notice to *her*, and that every member of our mystic circle has renewed her vow of loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta, and has resolved again to give more generously to those about her, the love and sympathy that makes life worth the living.

Another year has gone. Another mile-stone of our fraternity life has been left behind. Has it left us stronger, has it left us better fitted for the life that stretches out before us? This is a question for each girl to answer as she looks back over the year that has passed.

On January 27 Kappa Alpha Theta celebrates her thirty-second anniversary. There will be no uniformity about this celebration among the chapters, but let us all remember the day in some appropriate way. It is hoped that before many years pass we may make of this a national day and that Founder's Day may be held sacred by Thetas old and young.

The rushing season is ended and most of the chapters have settled down to the daily routine of college life.

Many of the chapters have followed the suggestions made at the Convention last summer, and have begun a thorough and systematic study of the Constitution. Every chapter should follow their noble example. The benefits of the examination method were evident on every hand at the Convention. The familiarity with the Constitution and fraternity matters in general facilitated to no small extent the progress and work of the Convention.

The strength of a fraternity lies in its individual members and in their loyalty to the organization that has fostered in them their highest ideals. It has done more perhaps than any one thing to give to them a broad and kindly sympathy. The individual carries this with her beyond the college halls and finds that the fraternity ideals mean much to her in the world without. But her interest in Theta is greatly stimulated if she is enabled to connect herself with an alumnae chapter. The importance of these alumnae organizations cannot be overestimated. They represent Kappa Alpha Theta in the world and are a constant help and inspiration to the active chapters. Our alumnae list is growing steadily. A charter was issued less than two months ago to Iota Alumnae chapter in Southern California. It is our pleasure to extend to this chapter the greetings of her sisters and to wish her long life and prosperity.

The following article on "Pan-Hellenism at the World's Fair," appeared in a recent number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*:

"The World's Fair which will be held at St. Louis in 1903 to celebrate the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase will probably be the largest attended exposition ever held in the history of the world. St. Louis is already one of the largest cities in the land and it is constantly growing. The city, the State of Missouri and the United States have appropriated large sums of money to insure the most

magnificent success. The exposition will occupy a great deal more ground and will be given the benefit of more money than was spent on the World's Fair at Chicago. In view of the amount of money that has been appropriated and the immense scale upon which all the work is being done, there can be no doubt of the magnificent success of the new World's Fair. This is not meant to be a press notice of the exposition, but merely a preamble to call attention to the scope of the fair.

"What the author proposes is this: That the different fraternities and sororities erect a building at the World's Fair for the comfort of fraternity men and women. In this age of fraternalism the most prominent young men and young women are members of fraternities and sororities, and it is the writer's opinion that a record of visitors would show no less than 25,000 fraternity men and women who would make use of this building. Were the building erected many fraternities would hold their general or division conventions there, taking advantage of the accommodations furnished. In other words, the building would be there for the accommodation and pleasure of fraternity men and women and would be for the exclusive use of Greeks. The building would contain on the lower floor a large reading room and an equally large parlor. There would also be lavatories and a cloak room, and around the whole a large piazza. On the second floor would be a hall large enough for convention purposes. In fact, such a building should be one that is suitable for the comfort of the visitors.

"So much as to the building. There can be no doubt about the desirability of such a building, but the question becomes that of practicability. Such a building as I have in mind could be built and furnished for \$5,000. The question is how to raise the money. There are twenty-five fraternities and sororities of enough importance and sufficient membership to contribute \$200 each to this building. This of itself would give the necessary \$5,000. The Greek

letter men in and around St. Louis could easily raise \$1,000 for expenditure upon this building. The authorities in charge of the exposition would in every way aid the carrying out of the plan. Doubtless the architect's plans could be secured free through the exposition authorities, and if the creation of the building is now assured one of the best places could be secured for its location.

"There is no reason why this plan can not easily be carried out in the best manner. It affords such an opportunity for the promotion of Pan-Hellenism as has never been before given. The house would be the means of many happy acquaintances among Greek letter men and women. It would be a delightful place for rest and recreation, and an invaluable convenience for fraternity conventions and reunions. The plan is perfectly practicable, it seems to me, and there is no reason why the building can not be insured. But this will have to be done at once. Kappa Alpha can be depended upon for its \$200. How many other Greek letter organizations will follow suit?"

It now appears from an editorial in the last issue of this same magazine, that the building may be had at the exposition without the expenditure of a cent.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our interest in the Greek "Parthenon" at St. Louis and we hope that Thetas everywhere will approve of this plan and give to the fraternity that has taken the initiative in this matter, their hearty co-operation.

Alumnae Department

DELTA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Under the leadership of Mrs. Laura H. Norton, Delta Alumnae has started upon what promises to be a year full of interest and good works. The meetings are held on Saturday morning in a corner of Marshall Field's tea room which is screened off for us; and after the meeting we all eat lunch together. This has proved to be a convenient arrangement, both in time and place. So, in spite of the fact that everyone seems as busy as possible, many of the members find time once a month to sit in the corner together awhile or at least to drop in for the luncheon.

It has been planned this year to discuss at each meeting some topic of general fraternity interest. Last month, in accordance with Miss Cockins's appeal, the Journal was under earnest consideration—with the result that several new subscriptions were sent to the editor. We are to talk next time of fraternities in secondary schools.

Nearly every time that we come together several of the Tau girls have met with us. It is very pleasant in this way to be brought into touch with the active chapter. We hope they will continue to come.

Three of the Delta Alumnae are abroad this year. Mrs. Rosalie Rickenbaugh and her sister, Miss Berkey of Tau, are studying in Paris. Mrs. Paul Shorey of Iota, is in Athens, where Professor Shorey is directing the American School of Classical Studies.

The chapter is glad to claim as one of its members, the new President of Beta district, Miss Alta Miller of Tau. It is also sorry to lose one of its old members, Miss Alice Wadsworth of Eta, who is teaching this year in New Britain, Connecticut.

IRENE BAKER.

ETA, BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Whatever other good Eta Alumnae as a chapter may have accomplished in the four years of her existence, she

has won a high reputation in Burlington for her annual lecture, and has demonstrated to skeptical minds that a lecture of the highest literary order may be made both popularly and financially successful. We began with Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer; the next year we introduced Margaret Deland personally, to her Burlington readers; then came Mr. Bliss Perry in his delightful talk on Kipling, and this year on the evening of October 20, our greatest success of all, Mr. Jacob A. Riis, to whom, I am sure, few Thetas need introduction. Incidentally, and of course, quite beneath our consideration in our enthusiasm over the artistic and literary merit of the lecture, we are enabled, thereby, to replenish our treasury to the extent of eighty dollars. Does that not stimulate other alumnae chapters to follow our example?

We hold our annual meeting early in December and shall then decide upon the number and character of our meetings through the winter. The personnel of our chapter has changed somewhat from last year, but its numbers remain practically the same—about fifteen.

BELLE CHANDLER GATES.

ZETA, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The Thetas began a most delightful year on October 12 with a luncheon at the home of the new President, Mrs. John T. Barnett. A very large number was present. A dainty luncheon was served, after which a number of toasts were given. The committee had taken the William E. Channing Symphony, used as the motto of the chapter, and the leading thought in the year's calendar, for the plan for the toasts. "To live content with small means, to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion, to be worthy, not respectable and wealthy not rich, to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart; to study hard, to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never—in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up

through the common—this is my symphony.” This was divided into five leading thoughts and used as topics for the toasts.

The Zeta Alumnae Chapter numbers eighty-one, including associate and honorary members. It holds monthly meetings which prove to be most delightful occasions always. At each meeting we have Theta business matters, some literary program and a social hour, at which the hostess serves some simple refreshments.

Last year our program dealt largely with educational and sociological questions. This year each member was asked to choose her own subject. The result is quite a variety of topics. Some are to review books, others are to study writers and poets, and we are to have an original story. The chief charm and benefit comes through the association of young and older college women—the keeping in touch with the combination of social, intellectual and domestic elements. No Theta should ever allow herself to grow away from Theta spirit.

CORA C. BARNETT.

IOTA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

We of Iota Alumnae Chapter greet all our sister chapters, and would tell you, if we could, with what enthusiasm we welcomed our charter, and how much pleasure it gave us to add six new names to our roster of eighteen charter members.

Our first meeting was held at Mrs. Hammond's charming home; and hereafter we shall meet in May Curran's studio, Blanchard building, Broadway, Los Angeles, California, at half past two o'clock, the first Saturday of each month.

We hope every Theta who visits Los Angeles will find it possible to spend at least one afternoon with us, and give us the opportunity of forming many bonds of union with the eastern chapters.

EDITH L. HILL.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The fall term is nearly ended, and the joyous Christmas-tide close at hand. The merry clinking of skates is heard throughout the corridors, as the girls return from Beebe Lake, which is beautifully frozen. Winter has visited us earlier this year than ever before. The crisp, bracing air, or maybe the thought of going home so soon, inspires us to put forth our very best efforts to complete our term's work, so that our vacation may be free from care and study.

On the 6th of November we held our first initiation at the home of one of our faculty ladies. Five of our initiates were introduced in our last letter, but we have another wearing the kite; one who has been a friend of ours for the past two years and to whom we most heartily extend the grip. May we be allowed to present our sister Theta, Edith Okentrom.

Now we are planning a fraternity dance to introduce our new members and to promote inter-fraternity goodwill. This is to be given the first Friday in December and our girls are working with a right good will to make it both enjoyable and successful.

To those of us who spent our Thanksgiving recess out of town, came a sad disappointment. Elizabeth Russell, '01, had planned to give us a surprise by calling upon us before returning to her school duties in Greenport, New York. She came November 30 and only a few Thetas were in college to see her. But we all hope to have her with us at the beginning of next term thus, in part, making up for our loss. In parting, Iota sends Christmas greetings to Thetas, one and all.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Among the important happenings in Lambda's life during the last two months, that all-important event, initia-

tion, holds first place. It was held this year on the evening of November 1 and was a most happy occasion, when our five Freshmen became real Thetas. A large number of alumnae were present, many out-of-town members being able to attend.

Eta Alumnae Chapter provided its usual treat, in the way of a lecture, this year on November 20, when we had the privilege of a most delightful evening with Jacob Riis. Needless to say the lecture was most charming and valuable as well. It afforded a splendid opportunity to gain a little better understanding of the wonderful personality of the man, which made an impression upon his audience, never to be forgotten.

The State Teacher's Convention, held in this city November 21-23, brought back several of our alumnae. On Friday afternoon we gave a tea at the fraternity rooms, which was the means of bringing them all together for a pleasant reunion.

MU—ALLEGHANY COLLEGE

Mu sends Christmas greetings and best wishes to all her sister Thetas.

So busy with work and play have we been that it seems but yesterday that the last letter was due. Here we are at the end of the fall term, with the much lamented and nerve-exciting examinations staring us in the face, and the dim past but a memory. For many, this term has been an especially pleasant one. Alleghany students have been anxiously watching the progress our new chapel and library are making. The new observatory is finished and ready for use. We feel sure that the addition of these three beautiful new buildings will not only increase our pride and love for our college, but will insure Alleghany longer roll calls and more outside friends. Our successful athletics, large scores on the gridiron too, increased Allegheny's enthusiasm and college spirit.

Still Theta, in the midst of general jollities, had some little affairs of her own. We entertained about fifty of our friends at a Fall Millinery Opening. The committees worked faithfully and hard but were well rewarded for their pains by the evident success. Perhaps you would be interested in a few details. A large hall was secured, draped in "the black and gold" and fitted up like a real millinery establishment, with the counters of lace, ribbons and flowers. Two of our pretty little girls were put on high stools and represented lay figures—dummies. The other girls were sales ladies, floor walkers, directors, etc. When the company arrived, each was given checks with which to buy the necessary hat and trimmings and was then set to work trimming hats and bonnets. Wonderful and wondrously wrought were the results. Each had set his own fashion and all styles of millinery from Noah's time on, were represented. Our Biology Professor won the first prize in the contest and was presented with an Alleghany cap, while one of the boys carried off the consolation prize, a pair of tiny scissors, with the inscription "Perhaps you can trim with these." Light refreshments were served and then the establishment broke up.

Later in the term one of the girls entertained at her home very delightfully. The men's fraternities too have been entertaining royally, and their little informal affairs have been appreciated. So you see Mu is still in the race and getting on well.

MARIE TUHOLSKI.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Winter finds us enjoying college work and fun as thoroughly as any crowd of girls can enjoy life. The present month is a very full one in Syracuse college world. The Junior Prom occurred December 4; the Historical Benefit comes December 14; the Glee Club concert and our Freshman party in the near future. Two of our girls, Bertha Knapp, '03, and Lucile Baldwin, '02, have parts for

the caste of "The Taming of the Shrew," which the English Club is to present early next semester.

We are continuing our teas on the first Tuesdays this year; they bring us in touch with our city friends and the faculty. Chi can recommend this plan of setting apart one day in each month to receive outside friends; it is broadening for the girls and gives the callers a pleasing peep into chapter-house life.

In our fraternity meetings we have taken up the study of some of our prominent chapter alumnae. Each Friday night we have a bright little character sketch given by one of the older girls. In this way we become acquainted with the girls whose places we are filling.

Our Freshman class counts five. Maud Millington, Herkimer, N. Y.; Louise Coykendall, Elmira, N. Y.; Alice Hosley, Reading, Pa.; Lola Sarles, Fulton, N. Y., and Jessie Day, who is a niece of Marv Day, one of our charter members.

The initiation occurred October 10. Lucile Baldwin was toastmistress at the banquet, which followed.

A new society has been formed in college; its members are chosen from the Junior classes of Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta. Should we not all try to come in closer contact with our sister fraternities?

With best wishes to all Thetas from their Syracuse relatives.

APLHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The first great event of the year, perhaps the very greatest that Swarthmorian experience, has come and gone. This event—the Swarthmore-Haverford football game—is the greatest in that it brings back to the college such a large number of enthusiastic alumni, even more than at commencement time. It is the time when all the students of Swarthmore are one great body with a common interest. There are no societies, no clubs, no classes, no

fraternities, all are supporters of the college and the college team. Hence the general good feeling and common sympathy. This event is the one looked forward to from the opening of the college in the fall. It is the one talked of throughout the whole year.

This year Swarthmore went to Haverford, November 23, with a plucky team, hoping, yet fearing, for Haverford far out-weighted us. Behind us were two glorious scores, 34-12; 17-10; and the question was "What will be the next?" The weather instead of favoring us dampened our spirits, and the two hours ride on open coaches and breaks, looked foreboding. Still we all went. Yes, Theta went too, with a representation of twenty-three and in spite of the weather were gay and jubilant.

"For it's always fine weather
When good fellows get together."

It would be impossible to describe the details of that game. Suffice it to say, the score was tie, 6-6, and Swarthmore made her touch-down only about six minutes before the end of the second half.

After the game all the girls' coaches went to Wynnewood, to the home of Isaac H. Clothier, father of Caroline Clothier, who is one of our members. Here we were royally refreshed, entertained and sent on our way like conquering heroes, which we felt ourselves to be.

The night before the 23d we gave a feast and invited a number of the Freshmen to join in the fun. Caroline Sargent Walter was with us and, as usual, did her liberal share to make all have a good time.

Mrs. Battin, '93, entertained the fraternity in her parlors on Wednesday evening, November 13. We were pleased to have with us Miss Berry of Iota, at that time.

ANNA WALTON WATERS.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Since the excitement of the fall, Alpha Delta has settled down to work and its members are now devoting most of their energies to college duties and pleasures. Though not

quite so successful in pledging girls this year as last, we are rejoicing in two new members—one of them, Lotus Coultas, a sister of Edna Coultas, an old girl, and the other Jean Kirlin from Indianapolis. We have good hopes for our chapter for we feel that we are keeping up to Theta standards and this fact is enough to give us confidence.

Gamma Phi Beta held its convention here the latter part of November. The other fraternities joined in giving a recital in their honor and they in turn entertained us at an evening reception. We enjoyed meeting them all, though perhaps more especially those who told us pleasant things, as several of them did, about our own chapters at the colleges from which they come. To add to the dissipations of that particular week, visitors' day also came in then. We had the pleasure of having reverend gentlemen to listen to our recitations and then we all entertained them at a big reception given by the faculty and students. Altogether this was quite a gala time.

The room that we have gotten this year pleases us very much. We are really better fixed than we have been for several years. A number of the girls have been giving pillows, pennants and other things to fix it up and by the time some more of us have had like generous impulses, it will really be quite artistic.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

"A tingling time of hope was ours,
Betwixt the fears and falterings we lived
A chanceful time in waiting for the prize."

Could Browning have foreseen the present condition of affairs at Pembroke Hall, he might have transferred these lines from "In a Balcony" to a separate poem entitled "In the Women's College of Brown University during the months of October, November, December and January, in the year 1901." The "rushing season," to use a much-despised word in Alpha Epsilon, is certainly rather wearing on the nerves.

November 16 Alpha Epsilon entertained the Freshmen. A little play called "Per Telephone," with a bit of a love story and a clever "funny part," slight refreshments, and dancing, with songs old and new at the end, touched the sympathetic chord so easily sounded in a Freshman's heart, and sent the class of '05 home very contented with itself, Kappa Alpha Theta, and the world in general.

Beyond that we have of late done nothing in the way of entertainment as a fraternity. After all, it is not making the girls spend the evening in best bib and tucker, with company smiles and vain efforts to look interested after perhaps four successive nights of this sort of thing—though, of course, we do not want them to undergo that dreadful infliction of "dressing up" and though we try our best to make our evenings as informal and delightful as possible, it is not that which goes to "make up the main account" for our side in the minds of the Freshmen; but it is the approaching of them as one girl to another, the giving to them of bits of sympathy, help, and advice at a time when, despite courageous efforts to appear quite at home, such direction is sorely needed—that wins willing hands and loyal hearts for Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Alpha Zeta sends greetings and all good wishes to the sister chapters of Theta.

In the first place we must tell you that we have settled the perplexing question of headquarters, by renting and furnishing very cosily a room in the new dormitory building just one block from college. For the present we feel that this arrangement is adequate for our needs, and is much wiser than undertaking the responsibility of an apartment.

To this cosy room of ours we have just introduced two new Alpha Zeta's, who were pledged this fall. They are Ruth Howe, '03 and Helen Elting, '04. By regular inter-fraternity compact, asking day for the Freshmen is always

postponed until February. There are a large number of splendid girls among the Freshmen this year, and consequently we are making the most of the opportunity which the compact affords, to become thoroughly acquainted with them in a sensible way.

During the past week, at an informal tea, Alpha Zeta welcomed to Barnard, Iota Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, which was initiated by the New York Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta on Saturday, November 9. This makes the fourth fraternity at Barnard, and the third of national fame.

University news of general import just now is that Seth Low, President of Columbia, has been elected to the mayoralty of New York for 1902-1904. We feel especially glad about this, as, aside from our regard for Mr. Low, it brings to us direct encouragement in the belief that college work is not isolated, but has an ever-growing influence on the actual work of the world.

To convert this belief more and more into a reality among Barnard girls, the Associate Alumnae of Barnard have undertaken a novel plan. Occasionally during the year, they give a tea, inviting the undergraduates and several women, who have been successful in some phase of active work. The object, of course, is to give college-bred girls interest in practical work for women, other than that of teaching. At the first tea of this year there were a number of well known women journalists, among them Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Burton Harrison and Mrs. Herrick. Mrs. Wetmore recounted some of her early experiences in journalism, and gave a few valuable hints to beginners. Among other things she said that it was wise to make one's self an authority in some sort of criticism.

Other social affairs of general college interest have been rather lacking this fall, but now that winter has really come upon us we are looking forward to more gayety. Thoughts

of our own jolly Christmas time make us anxious to wish every Theta happy days, and a glad New Year.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

Our Thanksgiving vacation is just over and we girls are all back again with renewed enthusiasm for the remaining two weeks of the term. This week we are to give a party for the football team. Under Coach Chez they have worked hard and brought many laurels to old De Pauw. So we are going to try to show them that their efforts are appreciated by the girls of the college too. A farce, "Red Roses", will be the entertainment for the evening. It is a bright little play with but six characters. The Thanksgiving game at Indiana University closed the football season and in this case "all was well though it didn't end well", for although we lost to I. U., still this has been a victorious season, bringing us up among the leaders in Indiana football.

Our new laboratory building is very near completion and is a great addition to the science department. It will be up to date in every particular, with special rooms for individual research and everything needed in advance Chemistry and Physics.

We are proud of our University and more than proud of our fraternity and the place she holds in all branches of college life here.

BERTHA WOOD.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

Beta's greeting to all in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Since our last letter to you there have been no very special events in our history from week to week. We have entertained formally but once and only a few times even in a

small way. We are planning, however, to invite our resident alumnae to spend the last Saturday night of the term with us at the Chapter House. We have a large alumnae in Bloomington and a movement is now on foot among them to organize an Alumnae Chapter. There is some doubt as to their being able to fulfil all the conditions necessary to obtain a charter as only a few different colleges are represented among them. If they can not do so, we are still in hopes they will form a local organization. It would be of the greatest benefit to us in the active chapter to know the older Thetas better than we do and they would certainly enjoy the additional bond among themselves which an organization could give them.

Several weeks ago we devoted the after part of fraternity meeting to sewing for the Woman's League Fair which is to be given early in December. This fair is demanding much attention just now. It is undertaken by the Woman's League as a means of making money for our prospective Woman's Building and it promises to be a success socially as well as financially. The Woman's Building which the women of our University hope to build is one of several things which have been of special interest to I. U. girls this fall. The most important of these is the addition to the faculty of a Dean of Women, Dr. Mary Breed of Bryn Mawr. Dr. Breed fills a long felt want in our co-educational institution and the girls have all readily appreciated her value as their representative and have gladly accepted her as their friend. She has spent one evening with the Thetas and we hope to have her often as our guest.

An attempt is being made by Dr. Breed and Mrs. Swain, our president's wife, to have Indiana's women graduates admitted to the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and they are feeling some confidence in the prospects of success. These things interest us as college girls and so, as Thetas. Among ourselves, as I have said, there are few notable events to mention. During the Thanksgiving vacation, just past, we were happy to have as guests at the Chapter House

several visiting Thetas and their friends. The "old girls" are inspiring when they come back to see us. The help us in our effort to know each other and to learn the ideal sisterhood.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Delta chapter has been more than thankful on this last Thanksgiving Day, because we have been so successful in this year's campaign. We are greatly pleased to be able to introduce to our Theta sisters ten new pledges of whom we are justly proud. It gave us great pleasure to put the black and gold on four sisters this year, Myra Matther, Rose Matther, Clara Brookings and Elizabeth Green, whose sister, Mary Green, was a charter member of Delta. We were equally glad to put the colors on Trena Miller, Helen Boullard, Louise Rust, Frances Headan, Josephine Elliot and Flora Pope, all of whom we won from other sororities represented here.

This year has been our first experience with a contract until Thanksgiving, and we cannot say enough in praise of it. The length of time has given us ample opportunity to get well acquainted with the new girls, and yet not neglect our college work. All of our rushing has been on Friday and Saturday nights, and has taken the forms of fudges parties, dinners, spreads and informal dances. We have given one reception and two dancing parties, but we find the most effective rushing is in informal gatherings of all the girls. We lost but one girl this year.

We celebrated our victory of gaining ten girls by eating Thanksgiving dinner with our pledglings at the Beardsley Hotel. We are very much delighted with the attitude and spirit of our new girls. They are every one going to be strong, loyal Thetas in our sisterhood.

We are glad to say we are meeting the expenses of an expensive chapter house, and have bought all the furnitu

for our house this year, and will have it paid for by Christmas.

Lydia Matther has recently visited us and was more than pleased with the new girls we have secured.

Grace Morrow brightened our home for a few days.

We still have Mollie Kittredge with us, and hope to keep her during the winter.

Delta chapter is very happy and sends her best wishes to all the sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

HENRIETTA B. PITTS.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

We were certainly glad to welcome The Journal on time and in a becoming fall suit. Only by missing it for a time, do we come to the full realization of the importance of it as a connecting link among the Chapters; absence made the heart of Epsilon grow fonder than usual, and it was with redoubled pleasure we turned the new pages of our old friend.

The fall has gone rapidly, as usual. Every girl in the chapter has heavy work and we often wonder when we are ever to find the time for getting more closely acquainted, but on this account we appreciate our Friday evenings together all the more, because they are almost the sole occasion which ever brings all of us to one place at the same time.

Our fall party was given November 20 at the home of Dr. Kate Johnson, one of our most devoted alumnae. We had the pleasure of entertaining—along with our men friends—the one other sorority in college, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and it certainly was a pleasure. The feeling between the two sororities seems admirable, this year. Our two Freshman sisters, whom we are only now permitted to introduce to you—Bertha Warren and Jennie Corbett—came doubly recommended by their own graces, and the virtues of older sisters whom we have tried and found altogether lovely before them.

RUTH BOGARDUS.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Greetings to every Theta, wherever she may be. Eta wishes her a pleasant winter, and hopes that she may have had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Our busy fall is past, leaving behind it the memories of exciting rushing, delightful pledging and our beautiful initiation. We were all excitement, as we hurried around on the appointed day, collecting chairs and tables, arranging flowers, and catching now and then the savory odors which floated in from the kitchen. How our enthusiasm arose, as our alumnae came pouring in, Zoe Schurtz, Sina Smith, Myra Post, Harriet Waller, Sue Patterson, Mary Robison, Minerva Rhines and Mrs. Theiland, each returning with heart as full of love and enthusiasm for Theta as when she left. Florence Reasoner, a Theta from Kappa, was also with us. But our happiness seemed to reach its height, when, later in the evening, we gathered around the long table on whose snowy linen, lay our black and yellow pansies. Nor was the least part of the pleasure of the evening in the telegrams and letters that came from the old girls, who could not be with us. But it is an old story, and as familiar as it is clear to everyone. Even when it was all over, and our alumnae had gone, leaving us to settle down to our regular routine, we felt the stronger for their coming.

We have resumed our Saturday night suppers. It is so pleasant after our meetings to eat together, to sing our songs and dance awhile, before we part. Next Saturday we anticipate an especially good time with Florence Reasoner, who has asked us all to spend the afternoon with her in Ypsilanti, where she is teaching.

There is but little that is new to tell in college circles. We are very proud, of course, of the record that our football team has made this year, and we suppose the Psi girls feel the same.

At last, after a long and hard fight, the University has received an appropriation for a new medical building, which

is now being built between the gymnasium and the old medical building. It is to be a splendidly equipped structure and especial care has been taken to make it perfectly sanitary.

Our "Women's League" has sent out invitations for an "Etiquette Tea." We are to have a dainty lunch, while our faculty ladies talk to us on what to do, or more precisely on what not to do.

Soon the annual "Freshman spread" is to be given by the Sophomores. Each Junior and Senior is assigned a Freshman, whom she takes. This function is especially commendable, for it draws the fraternity and independent girls together, as no other affair of the year does. Indeed many years the pins are left off, and the fraternity spirit, often too evident in the class room and on the campus, is forgotten.

CORA EDNA WELK.

KAPPA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

It is with great sorrow that Kappa sends her December letter to the Journal, for on November 23 we received news of the death of Mrs. Agnew—our dear May Sexton of last year. She was one of our graduates last June and a Theta universally beloved. Her home was in Minneapolis, Kansas, and last August she was married to Mr. Ernest H. Agnew, lieutenant of the Twenty-Sixth Infantry, going with him to Manila, where her death occurred. She was in Lawrence, a Theta, for four years, and the news of her sudden death has cast a gloom over Kappa Chapter. As we slowly grow to realize the truth of the terrible report and feel the great loss we have sustained, we come closer together in Theta love. Our thoughts and sympathy are with the family in Minneapolis during these long, dreary weeks of waiting. We sympathize with them most truly, for we share their sorrow.

Kappa issued her invitations to the new girls on October 11, and the delight with which all the girls of our choice readily put on the black and gold made us feel that our

experiment of doing away with rushing has met with decided success. We held our initiation at the home of Mrs. Paul Learnard on the evening of the 25th of October and it is with pride that we introduce our six new Theta sisters, Mable Barber, Darlene Doubleday and Caroline Doubleday of Lawrence; Martha Pittinger of Mansfield, Ohio; Vera Hull of Wichita, Kansas, and Myrtle Baldrich of La Junta, Colorado, whom we pledged last spring.

We were all delighted to have a visit this month from Mary E. S. Scott, though she was with us only a day. We wish we might have kept her longer and Kappa thanks her so much for the pleasant evening she gave us.

Margaret Quayle of Alpha, was here for a day and we were very glad to meet her. Estelle Riddle, who has been here for graduate work this fall, has returned to her home in Minneapolis and will not be with us this year as she had expected. We regret it very much and realize what a help she has been to us.

A chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has just been established here. This gives the men of our University seven fraternities.

We are all watching with interest the erection of a new University building—the Museum. It is hardly begun at present, but when completed will add much to our campus.

ANNA HARRISON.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

I wonder if the days fly as swiftly in other places as in Albion? It was only a short time ago that Pi was sending out rushing news and now another letter is due.

Our rushing contract was a decided success this year, and we hope to be able to keep it in the future. We have only two pledglings to introduce to the Theta world, Inez Croman, Grasslake, Michigan, and Pearl Jones, Remington, Indiana, but we are entirely satisfied for we know that they possess the qualities which go to make up ideal Thetas.

Since our last letter we have initiated three girls into the mysteries of Kappa Alpha Theta: Ruby Johnson of Vandalia, Michigan; Edith Bolster, Albion, Michigan, and Gertrude Kamps of Zeeland, Michigan. Our chapter numbers eight now. Our pledglings will soon wear the kite which will make us ten—an ideal chapter for the size of the college.

We have done away with our "At Homes" this year, and are now planning a series of receptions to our friends, both in and out of the college world.

Most of our girls remained here during the Thanksgiving recess. We were more than delighted to have with us Lena Hunt, one of our last year graduates. We are anticipating a visit from Jane Pollack and Margaret Jones both of Eta, at the beginning of next term. These three sisters are teaching in Portland, Michigan.

A much-discussed question at present is high school rushing. Some of the sororities favor it while others, we among them, are against it. Nothing definite has been done as yet, but we hope to place the matter in the hands of the faculty and that they will settle it once for all.

Pi sends greetings to all sister Thetas.

ELIZABETH M. COLE.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

So many things have happened since our last letter that it is hard to know exactly where to begin.

One of the pleasantest events and one that will long be remembered was our visit with the girls of Upsilon. Ten of Rho's girls took advantage of the football game and went to Minneapolis. There was an excursion of some ten or twelve hundred people so that we did not lack company nor enthusiasm. We were indeed royally treated every minute of our stay, and in the short time we were there, learned to love the Upsilon girls dearly. Our only regret was that we could not see more of them, but we are already looking forward to next year when they are to

come to Nebraska. We wish more of the chapters could become personally acquainted, it helps one so much to see and know how the other girls work and feel. One comes back to work with new zeal and enthusiasm. The next Friday after the Minnesota game, came our initiation, which was held with Margaret Loomis. It was one of the prettiest ones we have had for some time. The banquet was held at the home of Rose Carsous a few blocks away, and as Fate would have it, it rained very hard. However, instead of dampening our enthusiasm, it only added to it, and at ten o'clock we sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which we all did justice to.

Hallow'een we gave a party at "The House" for the new girls. All the old time charms were tried. We roasted chestnuts, floated walnuts, bobbed apples and everything one could think of. To be sure it rained as it seldom does, but that made little difference.

The last of that same week we gave a house party for ten Omaha High School girls. The occasion was a football game between Lincoln-Omaha High School. Saturday night we entertained at a Progressive Dinner, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Again it rained, but we had a private car, so that it only seemed to add to the fun. The girls were our guests from Saturday morning until Sunday night. We came to know and like them very much and hope they enjoyed it as much as we did. We have also pledged two girls: Ida Robbins of Lincoln, who is a Wellesley graduate and taking post-graduate work here, and Vera Lowman of Hastings. We wish you could all meet them personally.

Aside from this we have been studying hard. There have been a few informal hops and fraternity parties, but the University season really opens with the Pershing Rifles Hop, December 6.

Football has played a prominent part in University life this fall and we have had reason to feel proud of our team. Our athletic field has a new grandstand and many lesser

improvements, so that it is now said to be one of the best fields in the West.

We were very much disappointed in not having a visit from Miss Scott, for we had counted on it a great deal and hope some other time she may come to us.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Tau is very busy just now owing to the large amount of work planned by our committee on fraternity education. A certain amount of this must be accomplished each week in order that it may be finished before the examination.

The connection between Delta Alumnae and the active chapter is closer than ever this year. Most of us join them for the luncheon, which is served after their meeting the third Saturday of each month. We all sit at one long table and fraternity affairs are freely discussed. The advantages to be gained from this close connection between the younger and older women, can not be overestimated.

We wish to express to Mu our great pleasure in having Eleanor Doty with us this year. She is dear to every one of us and has been the greatest help to us in our fraternity life this fall. We have also recently enjoyed a few hours with Anna Haskins of the same chapter. These two girls have made us desire to know more of Mu. We are eagerly awaiting the coming of the new semester, when we will initiate three more girls. That will make us eleven strong—a good sized chapter for Tau.

GRACE F. HAVENS.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Minnesota is now very busy making up for the time spent on football this season. While the outcome of the year's games is not all we hoped, yet we are proud of our record and our team. On October 12 we had the pleasure of entertaining thirteen of our Rho sisters who came to the Nebraska-Minnesota game. We enjoyed their short visit

exceedingly and when they left we felt as if they almost belonged to us. We are very proud of Rho. This intercourse with other chapters is one of our many privileges and continually impresses us with the importance of a national fraternity. On December 16, fourteen of our girls went to Madison to the great Wisconsin-Minnesota game, at which we met defeat, hard as it is to say it. We were delightfully entertained by the Psi girls, who vacated the fraternity house for our use. The Theta house is very pretty and it almost made us green with envy, for none of the sororities here have houses. So many girls live in their own homes in St. Paul or Minneapolis, that it seems impracticable to have them. The Wisconsin girls did everything in their power to make us forget our defeat. They gave us a banquet and a chocolataire and took us about the city and campus. We came home after our most enjoyable visit feeling sad that we had lost the championship of the West, which we held last season. We have been defeated but once in two years. Homer nodded and so did our team that eventful day. Over two thousand Minnesota people went to the game and gave such undying support in the very face of the Cardinal, that we were proud of our student body. At Chicago, Minnesota regained her position at the Northwestern game which one our girls, Ruth Learnard attended. We wish that our football schedule might be extended to other colleges in which we have chapters, that we might meet more of our Theta sisters.

All the sororities are trying to come to some satisfactory agreement about rushing and are discussing together several plans. None thus far are accepted by all.

Upsilon has always held her banquet on January 27 and is heartily in favor of having that date for Founder's Day, as suggested in our Journal.

There is much work to be done within the chapter at this season of the year. We are going to entertain our alumnae with a farce and are preparing for our annual ball to be

given in January. The Educational Committee has begun work in earnest and extends its heartfelt sympathy to its fellow committees of other colleges.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

So many things happened since our last writing that it is hard to tell just where to begin. We have had our initiation and in addition to the pledglings mentioned last time, we have received as Thetas, Mrs. Anna Y. Ried and Ethel M. Strong.

I think that one of our greatest pleasures during the last two months has been derived from meeting some of our Theta sisters. Miss Scott in passing through Madison, was kind enough to stop over between trains and spend a few hours with us. We are in hopes that she may again pass our way, but the next time we want something more than a flying visit.

On the 16th of November the big football game of the Western season was played at Madison between Minnesota and Wisconsin, and how we did enjoy ourselves! Several of the Minnesota Thetas came down to visit us and every minute of their stay was a pleasure to our girls. We learned to think a **great** deal of them during the little time they were with us and our only regret was that their visit had to be so short. At the same time several of our own alumnae, Juliet Harris, Fanny Medbury, Gretta Lewis and Mollie Strong, were also with us. It is almost needless to mention the good and pleasure which we derive whenever these older sisters come back to see us. Their presence is always an inspiration to the active chapter and we are anxious to have them come to us as often as possible. Hattie Bell Merrill who had also planned to come was unable to do so, but sent a charming remembrance in the form of a large bunch of American Beauties.

The University has given one military hop this fall. These dances are always very popular and well attended, but this one seemed unusually so. Most of our girls

attended and from all reports they evidently had a pretty good time.

The Senior Swing Out occurred October 31 this year instead of in the spring as formally. On this day six of our girls put on the Cap and Gown. The formal exercises and the Senior party which followed, were exceedingly pleasant, but in the midst of their happiness I think the girls were all a little sad, for they could not but remember that this was the "beginning of the end."

The Thanksgiving vacation brought a home-going time to most of us, which always means a large drop added to our already overflowing cup of thankfulness. And next comes Christmas and New Year's! The girls of Psi most sincerely hope that all Thetas may have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma sends greetings to the Theta world, particularly best greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a successful beginning of the New Year.

We are commencing to realize that the holidays are really at hand, as the examination schedules have just been posted, always a suggestive remainder of the happy times to come after the worry is over.

This year, thanks to the fortunate coming of New Year's Day on Wednesday, we have a day over two weeks vacation, and are looking forward to a thoroughly happy Christmas season.

The term has been a successful one, on the whole. After our five new girls were started in their work and pleasure, being duly introduced to O. S. U. society at an evening reception, we twelve Thetas fell into the usual routine of college life. Fourteen I should say, for our Registrar and her assistant, Edith Cockins and Helen Powell, are with us often.

It is unnecessary to say much about the changes and progress that our University is making, as that was told so

beautifully in the special article in the last Journal. One innovation, however, I should like to tell you about, as it is such a delightful way of earning necessary money, for the purpose of furnishing the Y. W. C. A. room so that it may be used as a rest room—of which there is great need here.

The Faculty Women's Club, composed of the wives of the faculty, are always interested and always ready to help the girls. They started afternoon musicals, given once a month, in the chapel, from four until six, hours which are generally free from recitation work, so that the students may get the benefit. The best musicians in the city have kindly contributed their services. We have had two of these Twilight Concerts, as they are called, and will have six more of them. A merely nominal admission fee is asked, so that this exceptional opportunity to hear good music is given to every one. As regards our own world we were very glad to have as our guest for two days Miss Mary Scott, the Grand Treasurer, who spent Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24 with us. We gave a little informal spread for her on Saturday evening after which she administered the oath of office to Edith Cockins as Editor-in-Chief of the Kappa Alpha Theta.

Spreads have come to be a regular institution with us. Owing to interference of other affairs in the daytime we are having our meetings on Saturday evenings and on every second Saturday we have a spread first, keeping the best for the last, for we do enjoy our meetings.

On December the 17th one of our Thetas, Frances Yeazell, is to be married to Professor Francis Landacre of the University here. We try to console ourselves over this desertion with the fact that we will not lose her entirely since she will join the ranks of the faculty women. Perhaps this is fortunate for us as we will lose Perla Bowman Gibbs, who goes with her husband to the State Agricultural College of New Hampshire in January.

Still Alpha Gamma has very much to rejoice over and certainly hopes that the same happiness in her sister chapters will make them join in an irrepressible song of love and loyalty for "Theta, dear Theta."

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

We are proud to introduce to all Theta Sisters our six Freshmen: Cornelia Stevenson, Sue Porter, Hazel Frapagen, May Morton, Barbara Hitt, and Mabel Ray. During the last week of rushing season Edith Barnhisel, '99, and Ruth Wilson of Rho, '99, and Phi, '01, were here to help us through the trying days, and we are extremely grateful for their considerate assistance. On November the first the freshmen were initiated and four of them are already with us in the house. A few weeks ago these same energetic young Thetas planned by themselves and successfully carried out a dance to which were invited the freshmen of the other fraternities. From the skillful manner in which they are administering their own affairs we have little fear for the future of the Chapter.

College work is the all absorbing occupation at present, but the girls find a little time in which to gather around the piano or to share in the larger college life.

We are interested just at present in the outside appearance of our home, in the November roses that are beginning to appear on the trellises, in the new cement side-walk which is saving our over-shoes from a vast amount of adobe-like mud, and in the new lawn which is just being put in. We are, in truth, well-satisfied, not to a fault let us hope, but wisely so, and out of our sheer content we can extend to all of you the heartiest of wishes for a Happy New Year.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

In this last month before the Christmas holidays, mid-year examinations and class festivities are all-engrossing. College life seems more strenuous than ever before, and the spirit of the times more intense. And it is true that ever since Mr. Wheeler came to be President of the University, he has given constantly new inspiration and light to the institution. Directly through his personality or through the fulfillment of his many new ideas, our college activities and possibilities broaden almost every day.

Then too, Mrs. Hearst is again spending the winter in California, and again giving opportunities to the faculty and students. Just now a series of three concerts is affording much pleasure. The musicians, on these occasions, are connected with the Grand Opera Company, so in addition to the music there is the real personality of a Marguerite or an Ortrud. All these social affairs we welcome after the rushing season has closed. Then there is time for such things, and invariably spirit, for we are elated over our Freshman class. Certainly the fraternity is like a house designed particularly for additions; the new parts never appear strikingly different from the weather-beaten original. Our five new Thetas, Gladys Wickson, Ethel Richardson, Pearl Judson, Bertha Renter and Ada Saylor, are no longer a little group by themselves, but with us all, a part of the whole.

With best wishes for all happiness and prosperity in every chapter.

PERSONALS

ALPHA

Hattie Harrell, '97, and Ernest Showalter, were married September 4, 1901.

Mary Stewart, '00, and Ed Morgan, Sigma Chi, ex-'00, were married June 27, 1901.

Elizabeth Matthews, ex-'03 and W. N. McGaughey, Delta Upsilon '00, were married recently.

Edith Coffin, '97 and Charles Allen, Beta Theta Pi, '97, are among the recent followers of Hymen.

Elizabeth McIntosh, '99, Phi Beta Kappa, M. A., '00, is in Santiago, Chile, South America, where her father is in the service of the Chilean Government.

Minna Matern, ex '02, is teaching English and German in the High School of Kendallville, Indiana.

Helen Jones, '00, has full charge of French and German Departments of Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas.

Lucy Allen, '00, is teaching English in the High School of Attica, Indiana.

CHI

Mable Northrup, '97, has an art studio in the Bastable Block, Syracuse.

Helen Evans, '01; is teaching in New Berlin, New York.

Maude Miller, ex '03, is teaching music in a studio in Utica.

Floy Thomas, '01, is teaching in Moravia, New York.

Mable Howe, ex '03 of Binghamton, visited the chapter in October.

Janet Harris, '01, is traveling in Europe with her mother.

ALPHA GAMMA

Miss Mary Scott, the Grand Treasurer, was the guest of Miss Edith Bell in October.

Miss Poston, a member of the chapter formerly at Ohio Wesleyan University, was a guest of Alpha Gamma, October 23.

Mrs. Harry W. Miller (Annis McLaughlin) of Portsmouth, is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a son.

EPSILON

Born—To Mrs. H. M. Matur (Elizabeth Gaston) on November 4, a daughter.

Born—To Mrs. T. L. Flattery (Millie Immel) in October, a son.

Mrs. E. D. Fisher (Jean McWilliams, ex '03), visited the chapter for several days in October.

Miss Arletta Warren, '89, is spending the winter with her family, after a year of study abroad.

Dr. Kate Johnson is practicing medicine in Wooster.

Ruth Elliott, '01, has recently been made Principal of the High School at New Lisbon, Ohio.

Four of the active chapter had the pleasure of meeting Miss Simms, '95 of Alpha, at the State Convention of Y. W. C. A. in November. We found her absolutely charming, and congratulate Alpha on numbering such a woman in the list of her alumnae.

ETA

During the Thanksgiving vacation there was quite a Theta reunion in Chicago, where Mrs. Laura H. Norton, Anna Drummond, Jeanette and Irene Blanchard, Irene Baker, Bernice Bond, Grace Hills, Jane Pollack, Louise Gibbs, Bertha Hull and Mamah Borthwick Cheney met at the home of Mamah in Oak Park.

Jane Pollack has a position in the Portland school.

Charlotte Walker, who was badly burned while conducting a laboratory experiment, has recovered.

LAMBDA

Marian Rustedt, '98, teaches this year in Oakwood Seminary, Union Springs, New York.

May Russell, '99, has accepted a position as assistant in the Edmunds High School, Burlington.

Edith Abbott, ex-'04, is in Mount Holyoke College this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Landon (nee Marion McIntyre), welcomed a son to their home October 20.

Christine Hanna, '04, has been called home to Washington by the illness of her mother.

Among those who were in town for initiation are: Mrs. Mary Deyette, Ruth Norton and Fannie Smith of Shelburne; Anna Bogue of Pittsford; Mabel Way and Mabel Nelson of Barre, and Geneva Jones of Northfield.

Edna Ray, '05, has been obliged to leave college for the present, on account of her mother's illness. She is at home in Shelburne, Vt.

PI

Lena M. Hunt is teaching in Portland, Michigan.

In September Bessie B. Tanner was married to Mr. Lancelot Barton of Sturgis, Michigan.

Jessie G. Cooper has entered the Chicago Hospital for a two year's course.

Blanche Williams is teaching at Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Married—in October—Mary Garfield to Robert Raymond of Saginaw, Michigan.

Laura Smith, on account of ill health, was unable to enter college this fall and at present is at her home in Weston.

TAU

The engagement of Miss Lida Scott to Mr. Scott Brown, Alpha Delta Theta of Chicago University, has been announced.

We have recently enjoyed a visit from Miss Anna Haskins of Mu.

Miss Newby of Alpha, is visiting in Evanston.

Miss Anna Drummond of Eta, spent Friday of last week with us.

RHO

Jane Cobb Macfarland, '99, and Ralph Nelson Douglas of St. Joe, were married October 10 in Los Angeles, California. They are at home in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Eleanor Welldy of Pi Chapter, is taking regular work at Nebraska this year.

Grace MacMillian, '99, has accepted a fellowship in Missouri State University.

PSI

We have received word that Mrs. David Q. Lewis (nee Oleen Smith), has a little son, Charles Quigg Lewis.

At the time of the Minnesota-Wisconsin game four of our alumnae were back to see us—Juliet Harris, Fanny Medbury, Gretta Lewis and Mollie Strong.

Winnifred Sercombe is now living in the Philippines.

ALPHA BETA

The engagement of Alice Lippincott, '99, and Lewis Booth, '99, Delta Upsilon, has been announced.

Miss Berry, '90, of Iota, visited Swarthmore November 15 and attended the fraternity meeting held that evening.

Caroline F. Comely, '00, and Elizabeth B. Miller have been obliged to give up their winter's study in Berlin, owing to death of the former's mother.

UPSILON

Miss Mabel Brownell is visiting friends this winter in Minneapolis.

The engagement of Miss Grace Rector and Mr. Dan Taylor, is announced.

Miss Lulu Ridgway has returned from the Mankato Normal School and is teaching in the city.

Miss Harriet Watson, who was unable to return to college the first of the year, will be back the second semester.

Miss Lillian A. Scott of Lambda, is teaching in St. Paul.

AMONG THE GREEKS

Phi Kappa Psi has recently entered Vanderbilt University.

The students of Alleghany College are rejoicing over the establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Alpha Tau has issued a charter to a group of students in Kansas State University.

The Log of the Thomas, an army transport, states among other notes, that during a voyage to the Philippines last summer, a chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity was organized with ten members.

Several of the Fraternity magazines are devoting much space to college athletics.

The women of the University of Wisconsin have a Self-Government Association, the aim of which is "to further in every way the unity of spirit of the women in the University, to increase their sense of responsibility toward each other and to be a medium by which the social standard of the University can be made and kept high."

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi for December contains an article on "Phi Kappa Psi in the Great War of 1861-65." At the time of the war the fraternity catalogue showed the membership to be about 850. Of this number 544 fought in the Union and Confederate armies. A list of the members engaged in the war, with regiment, college, and chapter, is appended to the article.

The Grand Arch Council of Phi Kappa Psi for 1902, will be held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Beta Theta Pi has revived her chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

A chapter of Delta Tau Delta was established at Dartmouth College on October 7.

EXCHANGES

The question of inter-fraternity societies has for some time been an important one among the men's fraternities, but it is only very recently that it has begun to assume any significance for college women. The inter-fraternity organization known as Omega Psi, has already appeared in several of the larger universities, and shows signs of spreading until it reaches the national dimensions of Theta Nu Epsilon, the similar organization for men.

The purpose of such societies is said to be merely social and their justification is the argument that they tend to break down the exclusiveness of fraternities, and foster a truly Pan-Hellenic spirit. Such expectations, it seems, are hardly borne out by the facts. Instead of breaking down exclusiveness and encouraging Pan-Hellenism, the result seems to have been to weaken allegiance to the fraternity and to permit a new and purely social set of interests to crowd out the older and higher interests of the true college fraternity. So clearly is this recognized as an evil that several of the stronger men's fraternities have absolutely forbidden their members to become initiates into Theta Nu Epsilon.

As regards Omega Psi, one fraternity, Delta Gamma, has already found it advisable to legislate against it, and at the last convention decided by unanimous vote to prohibit membership in any such organization. It has not as yet seemed wise for Pi Beta Phi to take any such step, first, because she has not yet sufficient proof that those Pi Phis who are members of Omega Psi have fallen off in their fraternity loyalty, and, second, because absolutely to prohibit membership in a popular organization encourages *sub rosa* initiation, a result which is humiliating to the fraternity and far from creditable to the initiate.

We would, however, caution Pi Phis who are or are to be members of Omega Psi to remember that Pi Beta Phi justly claims their first consideration, and that if they were

not first fraternity women they could not possibly be eligible to Omega Psi. We would further remind them that while Omega Psi will doubtless continue to flourish in spite of the prohibition of one fraternity, it would fall by the concerted action of all, and that if it should ever be proved, which it is not as yet, that membership in such an organization is for the disadvantage of all the fraternities, concerted action would probably follow and would perhaps show a truer Pan-Hellenism than that represented by Omega Psi.—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

"The Historian—And a Scrap-book."—Primarily, the historian keeps a record of the graduate and undergraduate members of the chapter, and secondly he obtains complete files of college papers, and preserves, in the chapter scrap-book, all matter which may serve as memorabilia of the fraternity and the University. For the former work, a book especially adapted for biographical records should be provided. Each name is given an entire page, so that a glance at the number of the last record shows the number of men belonging to the chapter. The task of keeping the records of the men in the active chapter is easy. College honors and fraternity honors are entered without delay when they are received. In regard to the outside men, the work is more involved. The historian must watch the newspapers, and particularly the Alumni notes in *The Quarterly*, and the local college periodicals. Also he should endeavor to acquaint himself with the Alumni, for they, themselves, are the most fruitful source of information. Whenever an Alumnus visits the chapter house he is asked to examine his record. At the same time he seldom fails to glance over the records of his classmates, and oftentimes gives new addresses and additional information. When a member dies, the date and place of death are noted with red ink.

Aside from the obvious value of keeping the Alumni records up to date, and having files of fraternity and college

publications, the office of historian is a great benefit, in that it tends to keep the chapter in touch with the Alumni. There should be one or more men who know, at least, a little about every alumnus, so when one of the old men returns, even though he be but a humble preacher or pedagogue, he may find that the boys have heard his name before, and know something of his career.

It is hardly necessary to explain the interest and value of a chapter scrap-book. We have books of this kind which contain programmes of the first initiation banquets and the long-ago conventions; also souvenirs of old college customs, many of which are now obsolete. Nothing can better reflect the change or evolution of the chapter and college life than a book of this sort. Time often gives interest to something which at present is trivial. It is a great pleasure to read the signatures of some of our prominent Alumni on old notes and papers dated in the seventies, or to handle a statement of Stephen Crane's board bill. Matter of a substantial character, collected by the historian, is bound and placed in the chapter library.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Has any chapter ever tried keeping a log? We all have our minutes, our records and our file of the fraternity magazine, some of us have chapter scrap-books and photograph albums, but none of these quite take the place of the informal journal of the chapter's doings and sayings. The editor once had the pleasure of hearing selected extracts from the log of one of the men's chapters, and was straight-way convinced of its value as a chronicle of the intimate life of the chapter, a value in no way lessened by the fact that it was irresistibly funny. Suppose the brightest girls in the chapter be appointed a committee to take turns writing up the log, suppose it be illustrated by sketches and amateur photographs, it would be far and away the most popular book in the chapter library with active and alumnae alike.

The Arrow would fade to nothingness beside it. Why doesn't somebody try it?—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

There is less inquiry of late years concerning the relative standing of the fraternities than there used to be. Probably this is due to a real growth in strength among them all, so that few of the fraternity now feel that the organization of his choice is either superior or inferior to any other. Indeed, most fraternity men are now quite indifferent to the opinion of their fellow Greeks concerning their fraternity. The fraternities are gradually approaching a level in this respect. A few superior organizations are forging ahead faster than others, but after all there is not so much difference. The relative position of two fraternities, one five years old and the other twenty years old, is noticeable. When one is twenty-five and the other forty it doesn't make so much difference. Young active chapters of aggressive societies successfully rival old conservative chapters of less pushing orders, the vicissitudes of life change the standing of chapters at the same college and ten years often make a vast difference. It is fast becoming axiomatic that the average fraternity man is a gentleman.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

RUSHING

I was once a little Fresh-maid,
But that was long ago;
I'd never heard of Frats and Goats,—
You'll not believe that though.

And I thought the college lasses
The most cordial in the land,
And I never dreamed of "Rushing"
When they took me by the hand.

But now I have grown wiser,
For I've seen the "Rushing" done,

From the outside and the inside
And I know it's just in fun.

But what of little Fresh-maids
Who are "Rushed" and laid aside,
What do they think of "Rushing"
Who never get inside?

Of course you've got to do it,
But be careful sister, pray,
Not to "Rush" a little Fresh maid
Unless you "Rush" to stay.

—*The Anchora of Delta Gamma.*

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